**World Bank Assisted Forestry Projects**

†3983. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2015, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2001 and state :

(a) the district-wise details of 1217 Village Forest Committees constituted under World Bank aided forestry projects;

(b) the number of training camps organised so far and at which places; and

(c) whether these Forest Committees have shared the benefit of funds received for protecting forests against fire and have been made to participate in such activities; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The District-wise details to 1217 Village Forest Committee constituted under the World Bank assisted forestry project in Uttaranchal are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) A total number of 222 training programmes have been organised in Uttaranchal till 31-3-2002. These were organised at Forestry Training Institute Haldwani, and at forest division and sub-division level.

(c) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 12.84 lakhs has been disbursed to Village Forest Committees in six identified forest divisions during 2000-01 and 2001-02 for protecting forests from fire. The committees have been actively participating in the protection work in collaboration with the Forest Department.

***Statement***

*District-wise details of Village Forest Committees constituted under World Bank assisted forestry project in Uttaranchal*

| Name of the District | Number of Village Forest Committees |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| Udham Singh Nagar | 35 |

†Original notice of the question was recevied in Hindi.

| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|
| Pitthoragarh | 52 |
| Champawat | 52 |
| Nainital | 209 |
| Bageshwar | 52 |
| Almorah | 168 |
| Chamoli | 54 |
| Garhwal | 206 |
| Uttarkashi | 110 |
| Tehri | 132 |
| Dehradun | 82 |
| Hardwar | 3 |
| Rudraprayag | 62 |
| TOTAL | 1217 |

**NGOs in Wildlife Conservation in Rajasthan**

3984. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Non-Governmental Organizations working in Rajasthan in the field of wildlife and nature conservation;

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government award any such organization every year; and

(c) whether any plan exists to guide such organization, so that best results can be achieved in the field of wildlife conservation in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The details of Non-Governmental Organizations, working in the field of wildlife and nature conservation are given in the Statement (*See* below). The Government of Rajasthan has informed that there is no award for such organizations.

(c) Regular interaction is maintained with eminent NGO's and officers of the Central Government actively participate in the programmes of these